(d) the steps being taken by Government to eradicate corruption from the police at the national level?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) yes, Sir.

(b) In connection with the Dulina incident, district Jhajjar, the Government of Haryana has intimated that local officers both from civil and police administration acted with utmost care and restraint. No fault of any police or civil officer has come to notice so far. Government of Haryana has ordered an enquiry by the Divisional Commissioner, Rohtak.

(c) The Government of Haryana has announced an *ex-gratia* grant of Rs. 5 lakh to the next kin of each of the deceased and the amount has been paid. The Government of Haryana has also promised job to one of the family members of the deceased. A special investigation team under the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Jhajjar is conducting investigation in the cases filed against the alleged culprits.

(d) "Police and Law and Order" are State subjects as per the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India. It is, therefore, responsibility of the State Governments to keep their forces honest and efficient. There are already various provisions in different Acts and rules to take action against the corrupt police officials.

Missing persons in the country

1586. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMAD KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as many as 15,000 persons on an average go missing every year in the four metros in the country; if so, how many of them are children and how many are girls and women;

(b) how many of them on an average are traced and return home; and

(c) what are the estimated corresponding figures of missing and found persons per year in the country indicating figures for the past three and the current so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) No, Sir. As per the information received from National Crime Records Bureau, the number of persons reported missing in the four metros during the years 1999, 2000, 2001 and 2002 (up to

October) were 5670,4244, 4798 and 867 respectively. The details of the persons reported missing during the last three years and the current year (up to October), year-wise, metropolitan city-wise and sex-wise is given in the enclosed Statement *(See* below).

(b) and (c) The information in respect of the missing persons in the whole country is also given in the Statement at Annexure 'A'. The information in respect of the persons traced and found and those who return home is not maintained by the National Crime Records Bureau.

Statement

Number of persons reported missing during 1999, 2000, 2001 and 2002 (Up to October)

SI. No.	Year	Metros/ All-India	No. of Persons Missing				
			Total (All age groups)	Children (Up to 14 years of age)			Women (Female above 14 years of
				Total	Boys	Girls	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	1999	Chennai	7	6	2	4	1
		Delhi	5,623	807	520	287	1,648
		Koklata	1	1	0	1	0
		Mumbai	39	36	21	15	0
		Four Metros	5670	850	543	307	1649
		All-India	12,870	1,191	782	409	4,496
2	2000	Chennai	23	1	0	1	9
		Delhi	4,142	655	400	255	1,216
		Kolkata	0	0	0	0	0
		Mumbai	79	3	2	1	34
		Four Metros	4,244	659	402	257	1,259
		All-India	12.300	1,288	811	477	4,382
3	2001	Chennai	28	2	2	0	6
		Delhi	4,751	958	609	349	1,428
		Mumbai	19	2	0	2	8
		Four Metros	4,798	962	611	351	1,442
		All-India	10,746	1,488	977	511	3,688
4	2002	Chennai	0	0	0	0	0
		Delhi	861	203	153	50	249
		Kolkata	0	0	0	0	0
		Mumbai	6	1	1	0	5
		Four Metros	867	204	154	50	254
		All-India	2,406	378	277	101	814

Note: Figures for the year 2002 are provisional.